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1. Francisco Jose Chaux has recently been proposed as National Bank Superintendent. This was done in an effort to eliminate him as a possible Liberal Party candidate in the 1950 presidential elections. One of those most strongly opposed to his candidacy is Jose Antonio Lemos Guzman, the Liberal senator from Cauca who has just been elected President of the Senate.
2. An increasing number of Liberal leaders are supporting Mario Echandia, the Minister of Government, as presidential candidate in 1950. Echandia, who has had a brilliant political career and has been both Primer Designado and President, is considered by many to be the only Liberal leader capable of securing the necessary votes to defeat the Conservative Party in the forthcoming elections. Communist interference in Liberal politics, which has caused the leftist Liberals to lose a portion of the influence they formerly held, has proved to be a favorable factor in the campaign for Echandia.
3. Lemos Guzman has stated that the Liberal congressional majority is in agreement with the objections made by President Mariano Ospina Perez to the provision in the amnesty bill which covers military prisoners implicated in the 10 July 1944 uprising. The Liberals favor a new bill granting complete amnesty to all civilians guilty of political crimes during the 9 April 1948 uprising and pardon to military personnel implicated in the uprising. It would completely ignore the military personnel arrested as a result of the 10 July 1944 uprising. The Conservative minority in Congress is opposed to such a proposal and will attempt to prevent the passage of the Liberal amnesty bill.

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Comment. The Liberal Party has not been able to agree on its candidate for Primer Designado, as yet.)

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